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AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. Hansen et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE115753
Application No.: 09/639,658 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: August 15, 2000 Examiner: D. Nguyen
Title: METHOD OF BINDING PARTICLES TO BINDER TREATED FIBERS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
_____ 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	-	21	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	1	-	1	=	0	x	80	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Fees Enclosed

There is no fee enclosed.

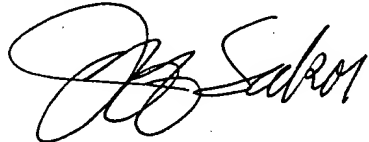
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C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the below date.

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2001

Seattle, Washington 98101

August 17, 2001

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed May 21, 2001, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 55 as follows:

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55. (Amended) A method of binding superabsorbent particles to fibers comprising the steps of:

providing binder-containing fiber, the binder-containing fiber comprising fiber having hydrogen bonding functional sites and a binder comprising a non-polymeric binder having functional groups selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl, a carboxylate, a carbonyl, a sulfonic acid, a sulfonate, a hydroxyl, a phosphoric acid, a phosphate, an amide, an amine, and combinations thereof, the binder comprising binder molecules, the binder molecules having at least one functional group capable of forming a hydrogen bond or a coordinate covalent bond with the particles, and at least one functional group capable of forming a hydrogen bond with the fiber;

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